

**Lamoine Conservation Commission
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605
Minutes of the Meeting of August 12, 2008**

The meeting started at 4:07 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Fred Stocking (chair), Carol Korty, Lynda Tadema-Wielandt, Bob Pulver, David Schick

Others present: Ken Smith

Agenda Items:

1. Review of the minutes of the July meeting: David Schick submitted the minutes of the July meeting for review. After review, they were accepted as amended by unanimous vote.
2. Preparation for the August 20th stargazing event at Lamoine Beach: Lynda Tadema-Wielandt provided a poster for publicizing the event and copies have been posted around the town. Fred Stocking contacted Bangor Hydro, and the company will turn off the streetlight at the beach the night of the event. A discussion of various small logistical needs ensued, and various members of the commission volunteered to be responsible for the identified items. Lynda Tadema-Wielandt will also notify WNSX in order to have the station announce the event.
3. Discussion of other possible events in the fall: Several possible subjects came up for discussion. In the area of marine resources, John Burnett remains available to make a presentation. This would involve pointing out areas of significance, and/or interest, on maps of the town coastline. Bill Fennelly is interested in talking to the commission about improving recycling efforts in town, and in methods to involve the town's children in that effort. There was discussion regarding the idea of an invasive plants workshop or presentation, but there was some feeling that spring would be a more appropriate season for that effort. Another possible subject for an event is global warming and the "carbon footprint" of the town and individual citizens. This might make a good midwinter event. Dr. Jane Disney and the eelgrass project also came up in the discussion. She would like to get the town's children involved. This is a complex project that will require a meeting with her and further discussion regarding logistics and possible funding. This project seems targeted for some point in 2009, and will probably require input from the Marine Resources committee. Fred Stocking summarized his views at this point, and outlined a possible sequence of events. A business meeting on Sept 10th focusing on the open space inventory issues, and also including a discussion with Bill Finnelli. An additional open space inventory work meeting is suggested for October, and an event / presentation in November. Rae Dumont will be requested to ask Bill Fennelly to attend the September meeting. Fred Stocking noted that the commission must decide if it wishes to ask the town for a budget line in the coming year.
4. Brief progress report on the Inventory of Lamoine Open Space: Lynda Tadema-Wielandt and Rae Dumont worked on identifying open spaces from the town tax maps and commitment book. For this initial exercise, they focused on the area around Partridge Cove, and transferred the available information into a fairly involved spreadsheet and file system they had developed. The spreadsheet

includes fields for hard public data available from the town, and fields for potential categories of value. Fred Stocking noted that it probably wasn't necessary to transcribe hard data for the whole town, but only for land areas defined by the commission as having identifiable open space values. He also felt that any volunteer spreadsheet coding activity be restricted to transcribing hard data from the town records. At this point the question arose as to how to identify areas of "high value". Some information is available from the exempt land list. The commission must also assemble any available maps identifying tax status and/or identified habitat. The COA vacant lot map should also be a good resource to begin with. Ken Smith pointed out that photo databases, such as Google Earth, or soil survey maps, might serve as sources of data. It became clear in discussion that the commission's first goal should be to catalog current open spaces and identify areas of value and concern in the near term. Also, that we need to define categories of open space that are of concern to the commission. Fred Stocking provided, at this point, a draft for consideration (see appendix). Carol Korty added the category of shore access to the list. Other categories, such as public facility space (i.e. school field areas) and town historical sites, were suggested. There was consensus that the commission, in doing an inventory of the town's open space, does not want to re catalog the whole of the town's property roll. Fred Stocking suggested that we put a hold on further work from the town's tax books and work on a set of value categories which might be useful for future comprehensive planning. He feels that we need a work session to develop the list and that that should be the focus of the next meeting. It was noted that updated property tax data should be available soon, and that the current status of gravel pits should also be of some interest as it relates to the inventory.

5. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Schick
Secretary
Lamoine Conservation Commission

Appendix:

Fred Stocking's draft list of open space inventory categories –

- 1) State Park
- 2) Lamoine Parks
- 3) Other town owned land
- 4) Other conservation lands / Federal, State, Non profit conservation organizations
- 5) Lands in tree growth
- 6) Lands in open space / permanently protected, public access
- 7) Trails / snowmobile, other trails
- 8) Highly prized views
- 9) High value wildlife habitat
- 10) Properties with recreational potential
- 11) Shore access (CK)